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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2065

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 6, 2010 AS DIABETIC PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY ACTION AWARENESS
DAY IN ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy (DPN) is a serious condition
2 that results from damage to nerves due to prolonged exposure to high amounts
3 of glucose in the bloodstream as a result of diabetes; and

4 Whereas, DPN often results in pain or numbness in the feet, but because
5 DPN damages nerve fibers, virtually any nerve in the body can be affected;
6 and

7 Whereas, more than half of all diabetics suffer from DPN, which
8 manifests itself in intense pain often described as aching, tingling, burning
9 and numbness; and

10 Whereas, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and
11 Prevention, African Americans are 1.6 times more likely to have diabetes than
12 non-Hispanic whites and Hispanic/Latino Americans are 1.8 times more likely
13 to have diabetes than non-Hispanic whites. In Arizona, nearly 23 per cent of
14 Native Americans over the age of twenty have been diagnosed with
15 noninsulin-dependent diabetes; and

16 Whereas, DPN is the leading cause of amputations, and as many as 40 to
17 60 per cent of lower extremity amputations are due to DPN. Amputations in
18 the African American, Latino and Native American diabetic populations are
19 twice the rate of the diabetic white population. In the United States, more
20 than 50,000 diabetes-related amputations are performed each year, but
21 comprehensive foot care programs can reduce amputation rates by 45 to 85 per
22 cent; and

23 Whereas, DPN is preventable only to the extent that the underlying
24 cause is preventable, requiring the individual patient's alert awareness of
25 bodily deficiency, illness, infection or injury that can cause peripheral
26 neuropathy, and the individual's willingness to seek early diagnosis and
27 treatment; and

28 Whereas, the Arizona Diabetes Coalition works to inform people of DPN,
29 to educate them about its symptoms and best preventive practices and to
30 promote medical research toward improved methods of diagnosing and treating
31 peripheral neuropathy.

32 Therefore

33 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the

34 Senate concurring:

35 That the Members of the Legislature proclaim April 6, 2010 as Diabetic
36 Peripheral Neuropathy Action Awareness Day in Arizona, in conjunction with
37 National Foot Health Awareness Month, to raise public awareness regarding the
38 symptoms and treatment of this painful and dangerous neuropathy.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 24, 2010.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SENATE MARCH 31, 2010.

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